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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD: Retention of Maiden Name after Marriage

1. Attached is an OGC opinion which in summary states "there appears no valid legal reason to deny a married woman the right to retain her maiden name for administrative purposes". Mr. Janney has reviewed this opinion and agrees with of OGC. Therefore, D/Personnel has adopted, as Agency policy, the permitting of female employees of this Agency to retain their maiden names after marriage if they so desire.	STATINTL
2. Not withstanding the above, it is essential that the Official Personnel file and other appropriate Agency records indicate that the woman is married and whom she married. This will assist in precluding awkward situations of an administrative nature in regard to government and private insurance etc.	
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